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YOUR PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Politically Colored FUA Image Is Disappearing

by ED NELSON

The public image of the Farmers' Union of Alberta is fast changing. In the past it was, rightly or wrongly, politically colored. Now this coloring has begun to disappear and the original set up can be seen again: the F.U.A. is the farm organization in Alberta in which the farmers of Alberta come together to discuss agricultural policy and make decisions based on facts and knowledge. The F.U.A. is the meeting place for all farmers of this province, because only in this organization and through it do they really have the opportunity to choose the road leading to the future.

The image created in the mind of the public is one of the more important organizational aspects. (This is equally true of any other organization). I have been interested in it ever since I became president, and I have always been anxious to get reactions about it from anyone with whom I have been in contact.

My feeling is that among those who have little or no contact with the F.U.A. there is still a feeling the F.U.A. is a political organization, dedicated to furthering a political cause. On the other hand, for those more closely in contact with the F.U.A. in a day-today sort of way there is little or no evidence of this sort.

Certainly, the F.U.A. will be in a far better position to work effectively for farmers when everyone realizes there is no connection at all between the organization and any political party.

From time to time everyone of us must express opinions about certain economic and social questions of the day. I believe this to be possible without being identified with any political ideology. It can be done in the light of the social and economic needs of the times.

If all the members of the F.U.A. would consider these things they could go a long way towards creating the right kind of public image. They know that every farmer has certain political creeds. These, however, don't prevent them from meeting together in locals to discuss the agricultural problems of today and tomorrow. These problems are the same for everyone of us, no matter for which political party we

vote when election time comes around. Being a farmer is the "tie that binds."

The F.U.A. doesn't ask to which church its members belong, nor does it ask about

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THE WRONG FINGERS...

A hard working member of our organization said to me on Monday, Sept. 17: "Some members point the finger at those doing voluntary work for the F.U.A. and say that they should look after their own business instead of doing voluntary work for the Farmers' Union."

Too many fingers are always pointing at someone, or something else, and I know for sure that in more than a few cases these fingers point in the wrong direction. When I heard this statement, however, I was speechless. Those who know me well, know that this doesn't happen to me very often, as my answers and reactions usually come pretty fast. I did not give that member an answer on Monday, Sept. 17, but here is what it should have been:

People doing voluntary work for the F.U.A. are looking after their own business much better than those who stay at home to make sure the daily chores are done day after day at exactly the same time, or that the last kernel of grain is taken off the field, BECAUSE . . .

without organization the farmer will be trampled into the dirt;

BECAUSE . . .

he or she knows that in keeping the farm organization strong and healthy he also protects his own business. Ironically enough, he also protects the business of those people with readily pointing fingers and those who believe they have done their full duties and lived up to all their responsibilities by looking after the daily chores and that last kernel of grain;

BECAUSE . . .

the voluntary worker, and especially the canvasser, works hard to keep his

farm organization strong and healthy; BECAUSE . . .

the voluntary worker—and during the Membership Drive in November the canvasser especially—may not do, for one or two days, the chores at exactly the time set for them, he may even leave a few bushels of grain out in the field for a couple of days more than is strictly necessary, but he does the very important work that has to be done at that moment. The canvasser looks toward the future. The worst businessman is he who looks not farther than today. It is important what you do today, but more important how you will do tomorrow. All the voluntary workers of the F.U.A., F.W.U.A., and Jr. F.U.A., work for the farming community of TODAY and TOMORROW. They don't point fingers, they WORK—for themselves, their children, yes, for all the farmers and their children in this good land of Alberta.

**THEREFORE, Men, women, juniors, be a canvasser.
You work for your own business.**



THE BEST JOB

Premier E. C. Manning gave his views on public ownership in an address to the Northwest Light and Power Association. The Red Deer Advocate writes in an editorial about this address:

"When he stated that the public ownership of utilities was a form of creeping collectivism and threatened free enterprise, he was voicing sentiments that have ceased to have relevance in this day and age.

Public ownership of public utilities is growing rapidly. North America is still somewhat behind Europe in this field as it is in most fields of public welfare, but the movement is growing daily. Except for the Maritimes and Alberta, Canada is a country where publicly owned utilities are growing steadily. This is not a question of government color as the Conservatives in Ontario, the Union Nationale in Quebec, the Social Crediters in British Columbia and the CCF in Saskatchewan are all public utility ownership people. It is simply a question of doing the best job for the people."

Peace River Broadcasts

We remind our readers in the Peace River country that Mrs. Bea Chapman, the FWUA Director of District 2, has, every Thursday evening at 7:30, a radio broadcast over station CKYL in Peace River.

Letter to Members In District 6

Are you interested in a progressive democratic program?

If a problem is bothering you, isn't it your right to bring it before your organization and get action on it?

Does the district-director have the right to decide that something is too trivial to be brought to the convention?

Last year many members complained about the matter of beer bottles littering our road sides being discussed at our annual convention. As a result of this discussion the legislation concerning empty beer bottles in cars has been changed in such a way that there will not be any penalty for having empty beer bottles in a car. This change in the legislation also eliminates the necessity of disposing of a case of beer in one sitting.

The FUA boards can deal with many things. They have done this in the past and are still doing so. Some things, however, are left to the Annual FUA Convention, and I believe they may serve the purpose of letting members know about other members' problems and develop understanding.

There are several important questions which I would like to see discussed in the locals:

1. Should we support the National Farmers Union? If so, are we going to contribute to this organization from a depleted treasury?
2. Re: Marketing Boards—
 - A. Are we ready to join Manitoba and Saskatchewan in a joint set-up?
 - B. Do you think consumers should decide what the price for domestic wheat will be or the farmers who produce it?
3. Re: Membership—
 - A. Do you believe the FUA can function properly when farmers don't become members?
 - B. Is it good economy to spend quite an amount of money to obtain the membership dues?

—Norman Flach,
Director, District 6

Income Records Are Needed

A. B. Weir, Solicitor with the Alberta Department of Agriculture, stresses the importance of keeping accurate and complete records of all farm business transactions for farm income tax returns. This practice cannot be overemphasized from the point of view of a re-assessment by the Income Tax Department, increasing the tax levy. Incomplete records could be interpreted as an attempt to evade taxation. The Exchequer Court, the highest court for deciding income tax matters, has imposed a penalty and a higher income tax assessment in cases where the Court did not believe the farmer's explanation for omissions and where it was felt that he intended to evade taxation.

President's Report

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political affiliation. The organization asks only whether a member is really engaged in farming. From that starting point we can and ought to march together to find a solution for the many economic and social problems which we, farmers, face in this world of today. It is also the starting point from which to build a stronger organization with a larger membership in the upcoming Membership Drive in November.

New Junior F.U.A. Local

One of the results of a summer-camp, organized by FU & CDA, has been the forming of a Jr. FUA local at Hines Creek. When the plans were made to start this local, those who took the initiative were a little bit afraid that there wouldn't be enough interest and that at the most six young people would be at the organizing meeting. Their fears showed to have no foundation, because when the organizing meeting was held fifteen young people attended and all were eager to join. Jr. Director Frank Schaff gave an introductory talk which was very much appreciated. Result of the elections was Orest Hrab, president; Freddi Weihmann, vice-president; and Sheilah Walker, secretary. The new local started straight away setting up a very ambitious program for the coming months. Meetings will be held on the first Friday of every month.

We are sure that their example will be followed in many other places—hope to hear from this youngest addition of the Jr. FUA how they are doing.

Pool Scholarship Winners Named

Three household economics students at the University of Alberta in Edmonton have been awarded \$200 scholarships by the Alberta Wheat Pool. Winners named are Edith Blades, Oshon; Linda Stepenoff, Paradise Valley; and Elizabeth Johnson, Red Deer.

Fundamentals of Farm Bookkeeping

The Department of Extension of the University of Alberta has developed a home study course in the "Fundamentals of Farm Bookkeeping." The purpose of these lessons is to teach fundamentals, or underlying principles of farm record-keeping. The total cost of the course, including the "Handbook," correction of lessons and mailing charges is \$12.50. Application forms may be obtained by writing to:—

Agricultural Secretary,
Department of Extension,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, Alberta

F.W.U.A. HI-LITES

● Rosemoyne had an enjoyable meeting and a good discussion. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Rose Dempsey. (The fact that the local has only six active members could, perhaps, be rectified by organizing a drive for more members.—Ed.)

● Three Hills donated \$25.00 to the Three Hills Community Band and \$100.00 to the Community Centre to be used for a permanent public address system in the hall. A very successful tea and flower girl contest was held in conjunction with the flower show.

● Pollockville made plans for the annual bazaar and dance to be held on October 27. It was decided to write to the Special Areas office asking for improvement of the secondary highway. Different donations were made.

● Crossfield's president, Mrs. W. Heywood, reported that the Garden Club trophy, donated by the local, was won by Faye Moen. Two delegates, sponsored by the local to the Gold Eye Lake Camp gave very interesting reports.

**NOW IS THE TIME
TO REALLY START
PUSHING THE SALE
OF TICKETS FOR
THE GOLD EYE LAKE
CAMP. IT'S A GRAND
UNDERTAKING
WORTHY OF A
GRAND EFFORT.**

Fodder Transportation To Drought Area

Terms of the policy under which the Governments of Canada and Alberta will share in assisting farmers and ranchers in the drought area of Alberta to transport fodder to their livestock were announced today by the Honourable L. C. Halmrast, Minister of Agriculture.

The policy will apply to that portion of County No. 5 lying east of Range 15; to all of County No. 8, Improvement District No. 11, Improvement District No. 22; and to that portion of the Special Areas lying south of Highway No. Nine.

Assistance will be in the form of a payment of 4c per ton-mile on fodder for livestock when moved by rail freight, public service truck or farm truck. No payment will be made for the first 40 miles of the movement, and the maximum assistance will be \$6.00 per ton for hay and \$3.00 per ton

for straw. Farmers and ranchers will arrange for the purchase and transportation of their own fodder needs, and they will then make application to the Government, on forms to be provided, for the transportation assistance to which they are eligible.

The object of this plan is to aid farmers and ranchers whose stocks of feed are inadequate to provide for the needs of their basic cow herds. Each applicant will be permitted to receive assistance in transportation of up to 50 tons of fodder. Applications for transportation assistance must be approved by a County, Municipality, Special Areas or Improvement District official and all claims for payment must be submitted to the Field Crops Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, before March 31st, 1963. The policy will be retroactive to August 1, 1962.

Farmers who intend to apply for assistance under this policy should contact their municipal office for the necessary application forms.



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The following letter accompanied the dividend cheques which Alberta Livestock Co-operative mailed out to its members on September 15,

September 15, 1962

Dear Members:

We've enclosed another one of our dividend cheques. Following our custom we continue to credit dividends each year to our patrons' accounts. Actual payments are then made four years after allocation. The enclosed dividend therefore is for business transacted during our fiscal year ending May 31, 1958.

Many of our 8,500 dividend cheques will be issued in small amounts but for the year total payments will come to \$63,826.11 of which \$41,346.55 goes to those who have consigned livestock directly to our Edmonton and Calgary public market agencies while \$22,579.56 will be paid to 28 Co-operative Livestock Shipping Associations.

Many consignments of livestock have helped to give us a fair volume for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1962. During that year we sold 135,828 cattle and calves plus 92,262 hogs for individual members. In addition we sold 22,950 cattle and calves plus 330,591 hogs for our member Shipping Associations.

You'll notice that most of cattle and calf volume came from individual members but that the large majority of hogs came from Shipping Associations which accumulate stock throughout our Province.

It takes a large volume of stock to be effective in our business and that's axiomatic with both market and country livestock. Basically cattle and calf prices throughout the province follow those that are established on public markets while prices for the majority of hogs are based either on public market sales or on prices we receive for Association hogs. Logically then it's sound to strongly support both price-making methods of marketing.

We've appreciated the support you have given us in the past and sincerely trust we can depend on your help in years to come. Many producers tend to follow trends of livestock disposition that have a depressing effect on the entire marketing structure. Our present methods have as yet not been equalled and certainly have not been improved upon. Co-operative 'self-help' efforts continue to stand the test of time.

We trust you'll continue to work with us in making your own organization the best of its kind.

Co-operatively yours,

C. P. Hayes, president,

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CO-OPERATION NEEDED TO BUILD STRONG F.U.A.

We are living in an era of organization and specialization, and the individual has to make decisions of more and more importance. If he thinks he can make these as an individual and that his voice will be heard in the world, he is sadly mistaken. If only he will add his voice to other voices he can then perform miracles in getting the results he wants. This is the challenge to the Canadian farmers today.

The FUA is a voluntary organization, and progress made by the FUA depends upon voluntary action. It does not mean dependence upon governments. It is a "do-it-yourself" method of improving the economic and social conditions of the farming community in Alberta. Not enough people in rural areas have realized or discovered this—a fact which has seriously hindered the progress of the organization.

The FUA is only as strong as the enthusiasm, loyalty and understanding of its membership. The greater this enthusiasm, loyalty and understanding, the larger the membership, the stronger the tool the farmers have available in the FUA for betterment of their economic and social position.

In the past the FUA has made a great contribution through the education and training given to many people who now play a very

important part in developing the changing social and economic forces of society. The big decision farmers are confronted with at this moment is: who will control farming. How and when this decision will be made will depend upon the ability of the farmer himself—his ability to co-operate with his fellow farmers all over Alberta in building a farm policy-making organization which will be represented by our society, and his ability to build co-operatives, which will give him power in the market place.

Too frequently, farmers do not recognize their co-operative accomplishments. They tend to underestimate their strength and to overestimate the weaknesses of their own organizations. This negative attitude must give way to more positive thinking and a firm determination to make the best of their opportunities. They can

do the things needed to meet this challenge.

The agricultural scene on all fronts is changing with the rapidity of the present age and unless there is speedy co-operative effort on the part of all producers desirous of community endeavour, the net result can only be great variations between the two extremes—"slum" and "castles"—in agriculture.

Surely no one believes that anything of real and lasting value to humanity can be built mainly on the expectation of saving a few cents here and there. Most of us, or at least the more mature among us, are still able to recall that life has deeper values which, though largely unexplored, are yet the moral and ethical foundation of the future. There are things in life that are really worth living and dying for. They are not just money.

No other group can boast more than the farmers about traditions. Farming first started in Western Canada by a group of Scottish settlers in the spring of 1813. They worked in an organized group in order to survive. These pioneers gave us things that we should cherish and be proud of. The pioneering torch has been passed on to us, and it is our duty to carry it high.

When we speak of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, it is not they, it is us. We, the farmers, make the FUA. It is our organization and not "theirs."

Therefore, the efforts of all the farm people of Canada are needed. The voluntary, free technique by which it can be done is none other than economic co-operation.

FARMERS' UNION CREED

Because I know that as an individual I am nothing, but banded with my brother farmer I am power—I pledge the work of my hands, the fruit of my soil and the loyalty of my heart to the Farmers' Union.

I will keep my eyes on the goal and let no petty annoyances make me forget it.

I will attend my meetings and let no personal animosities keep me from mingling with my neighbors for our common good.

And I will always remember, that greater than any man in it—worthy of any sacrifice—deserving of all faithfulness, is the Union itself, built for me and by me—my own organization.

—C. T. Swiderski,

CHALLENGES TO CO-OPS IN THE U.S.A.

"We Grow or We Die"

Quite some challenging statements were made at the meeting of the American Institute of Co-operation at Columbus, Ohio, which I attended from August 5-8. One keynote speaker told bluntly that many small co-operatives in the U.S. must have some affiliation with larger co-operatives which can afford to employ highly skilled technical people in different field, or they won't survive. The speaker also called for large, efficient farmer co-operatives that can put highly qualified people to merchandising products all over the world. The president of the AIC said his most serious concern about the future of co-operatives in the US is their failure to view problems on a regional, national and international basis. He also declared: "Few of you are devoting enough time and effort to working with youth organizations. If you are not interested in youth, you don't have any future." Things were impressed in the shortest and bluntest form by Glenn W. Thompson, in the words, "we grow or we die."

The meeting was attended by about 3,000 delegates, under which some from Brazil, Turkey, Puerto Rico, Japan, England and Canada. Youth delegates accounted for about 1,000 of the total attendance.

The AIC is the education and research organization of farmer co-operatives in the US and I have learned more than a small bit at this meeting. Mr. Orville Freeman, US Secretary of Agriculture, told the meeting American agriculture has been a magnificent and unbelievable success in this sense that the average American works only one day a week to obtain enough money for his food. If the cost of food, however, had risen as much as other goods and products we use, it would have cost consumers 70 billion dollars more to pay their food bill. The US Government assisted in that same period the farm economy with 35 billion. This means consumers still were 35 billion ahead of what they would have had to pay if prices of farm products had risen as sharply as the costs of other goods.

After talking with some of the other participants in the sessions on Youth activities, I was impressed by the high calibre of the youth delegates. On the second day all 1,000 were taken out on five different tours. My group visited a co-operative set-up which consisted of a farm supply division, fertilizer division, co-op elevators for grain storage and corn shelling, a marketing co-op which auctioned all livestock and a machinery depot full of machinery for rent. There was also a cornfield alongside with nine foot high stalks, from which they hoped to harvest more than 100 bushels per acre.

We also visited the farm of Barten Montgomery who had 130 acres of corn, 36 acres of wheat, 25 acres of soybeans, 5 acres of oats, 30 acres of hay and 30 acres rotation pasture. The wheat and soybeans were cash crops, the others were used to feed about 600 hogs and 75 head of cattle. The cattle were bought as feeders and fed till they weighed about 1,000 lbs. I considered that Barten would make quite an income out of this set-up, until I heard that he had paid about \$300.00 per acre for the land.

At a meeting where I spoke about the Jr. FUA and especially about Gold Eye Lake Camp, the chairman said that at least 1,000 of the 2,000 delegates listening to my talk would be interested in

visiting the camp. I believe that without too much trouble exchange visits with US youth groups can be arranged.

Attending this conference has given me a broader understanding of co-operatives, their purpose, function and so on, but also of the problems they are faced with in the future. The next one will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, and I can assure anyone attending it will be a great experience.

—Eugene Elm

DEADLINES

Any news or advertising copy for our October 15 issue must be in our hands not later than Oct. 8. Copy reaching our office later than Oct. 8 will have to await publication in a later issue.

News or advertising copy for the November issue must be in our hands not later than October 19.

Mrs. Thorsen Fund

The Arrowwood FWUA and surrounding districts have set up a fund in memory of Mrs. A. N. Thorsen, who passed away suddenly on August 13, 1962, for her devotion to the FUA and FWUA. Proceeds are to be donated to the Gold Eye Lake Camp.

Rally in District 6

On October 29 a meeting will be held in the Community Hall at Gibbons, starting at 8 o'clock. Discussed will be the Structure of the FUA and the ownership of electric power companies. Bill Harper will be the guest speaker. His subject: Cuba.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

EXTRA ISSUE

The next issue of The Organized Farmer will be published October 15. It will contain information about the MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. The November issue will be in the mail not later than October 29 so that it will reach every member before the Membership Drive.

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Every farmer knows how in recent years attacks have been made on this agreement and the rates set by it. The governments of the three Prairie Provinces, the grain co-ops, the Farmers' Unions -- to name some -- have succeeded in holding off changes. It will, however, be clear to every farmer that he must be organized to make the strongest possible defence. The Agreement and the Rates will be attacked again. Even if such an attack would be only partially successful, every farmer in this province would lose so much on grain delivered to the elevator that, compared with it, membership dues will be peanuts.

Where Is Agriculture Going ?

EVERY YEAR

over 1,000 Alberta farmers leave the farm.

EVERY YEAR

thousands of our farm young people seek their future in the cities and towns.

EVERY YEAR

our farms get larger, and our rural communities become less active. BUT our farms are producing more than ever before, and the need for food is greater than at any time in history, AND IS GROWING.

These are great and basic changes. They mean that the old ideas of farms and farming no longer apply.

These changes can hurt, and are hurting many of our farm people. Someone must study these problems, and find the best answers possible. Someone must have the time, and the resources to do the job. This is the farmers' own business. He must attend to it.

To do so, he must have an organization, strong enough in numbers and finances, to be effective.

The F.U.A. is set up to do this job. It has been doing it for 50 years. But the rate has speeded up tremendously. Our activities must also be speeded up. Every farmer in Alberta has a stake in the F.U.A. program.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION -- YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

YOUR GAIN -- CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF YOUR OWN INDUSTRY -- AGRICULTURE.

WHY . . . ARE FARMERS DOING QUITE WELL IN ENGLAND?

Because they have a strong organization, strong in membership, strong in active and financial support.

IN DENMARK?

Because they have a strong organization and a very well organized Co-operative movement. Their farm organization helps them to formulate agricultural policy and the Co-operatives provide them with goods at reasonable prices.

IN FINLAND?

Exactly for the same reasons as in Denmark: strong farm organization and strong co-operatives.

IN HOLLAND?

Because they have strong organizations, and through them the different governments have realized the necessity of having adequate prices for farm products.

WHY . . .

has net farm income in Western Canada gone down by 18.6 per cent since 1949?

BECAUSE . . .

many farmers still think they can handle all of their business without the help of anybody, a sort of absolute monarchs. The only few absolute monarchs left in the world are found in the most backward countries. We live in a world where EVERYBODY depends on someone else. In dealing with the enormous problems of today, the individual is powerless. He needs to belong to a group. With organization the family farm will survive, without it will fade away pretty soon.

Do You Want To Be A Victim Or A Victor?

BE A MEMBER OF YOUR F.U.A. AND GIVE IT STRONG SUPPORT.

THE F.U.A. IS THE ORGANIZATION TO BELONG TO.

MATCH THE WHEATS

SELKIRK ? THATCHER ? PEMBINA ?

Study the kernel characters in the panels at the right . . . then, below, fill in the variety name that matches the panel number:

----- **A**

----- **B**

----- **C**

Identifying the variety of a threshed sample is even harder than grading wheat. Ask your U.G.G. agent. He has to know the difference between varieties because only certain ones are eligible for the top grades.

Your U.G.G. agent gets some help through special in-service training classes. But mostly, he learns to identify varieties by working on known samples over and over again. An agent identifies a variety by the process of elimination: he examines each character one by one and gradually eliminates all but the variety in question.

These are the variety characters he looks for:

- **Color.** Spring wheat can be light red, medium red, or dark red.
- **Shape.** The shape can be ovate, elliptical, or oval. An ovate kernel is broader at the germ end and is egg-shaped; an elliptical kernel is narrow, and rounded at the ends; and an oval kernel is broad across the centre and tapered slightly towards both ends.
- **Shoulder.** It is just back of the germ and it varies in depth from the back to the base of the kernel.
- **Base.** This is the crease side and you can see its shape when you lay the kernel on its side.
- **Cheeks.** The cheeks are the ridges at each side of the crease.
- **Crease.** The crease can be wide, mid-wide, or narrow. It can also be deep, mid-deep, or shallow. Some varieties have a pitted crease; others have a curved or twisted crease.
- **Germ.** This can be small, mid-size, or large and may be oval, round, or pointed.
- **Brush.** This is the small tuft of hairs at the end opposite the germ.
- **Skin.** The skin of the kernel may be smooth or wrinkled in varying degrees.

● **Glumes.** These are the husks that surround a kernel in the head and usually you can find a few in a threshed sample of wheat. They can be hairy or smooth.

● **Size.** This can be used but only if you take other characters into account. Growth conditions, of course, strongly affect the size of kernel.

Selkirk wheat has a kernel that is quite narrow in relation to its length. The germ is oval with a sharply pointed beak. The kernel itself is ovate in shape. In size, the kernels vary from medium to large. The back is mid-wide, has a side hump, and is slightly sloped from germ to brush. The skin is moderately wrinkled. The base is straight to slightly rounded. The color is medium red, dull, and inclined to a bronzed tint.

The outstanding characteristic of **Thatcher** is the small, uniform kernels with a silvery sheen. The kernels are small, oval to ovate, and wide in relation to length. The back is mid-wide to wide, side—humped, and sloped from shoulder to brush. The shoulder is wide and mid-deep. The skin is smooth and has a silvery sheen on the back and edges of the cheeks. The base is straight to slightly rounded.

If you study **Pembina**, you will notice that the kernels are extremely variable in size and in relation of length to width. Pembina is a dull, medium red in color. The shape is short to long, mid-wide, and ovate. The back is mid-wide to wide, side—humped, and sloped from shoulder to brush. The shoulder is mid-wide to wide, and mid-deep. The skin is moderately wrinkled to smooth and the base is straight to rounded.

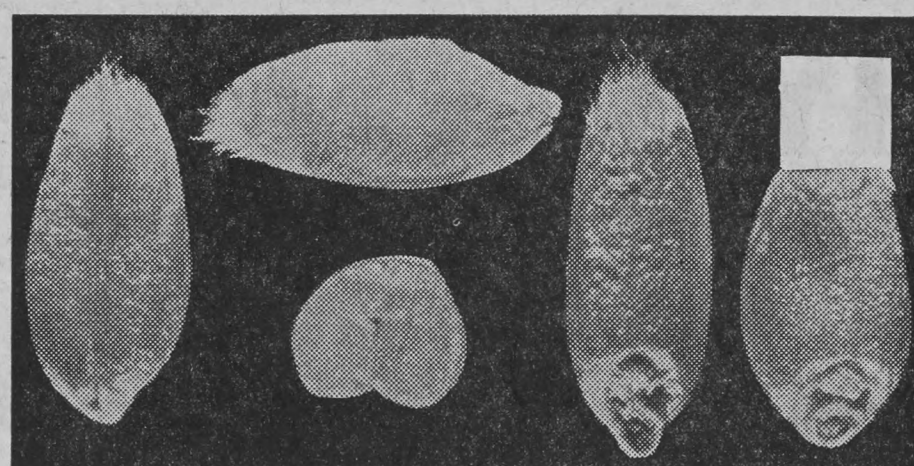
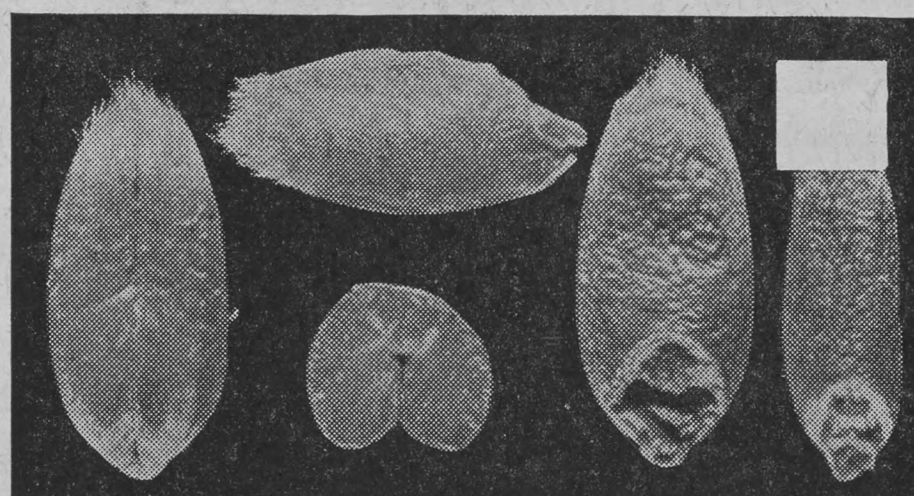
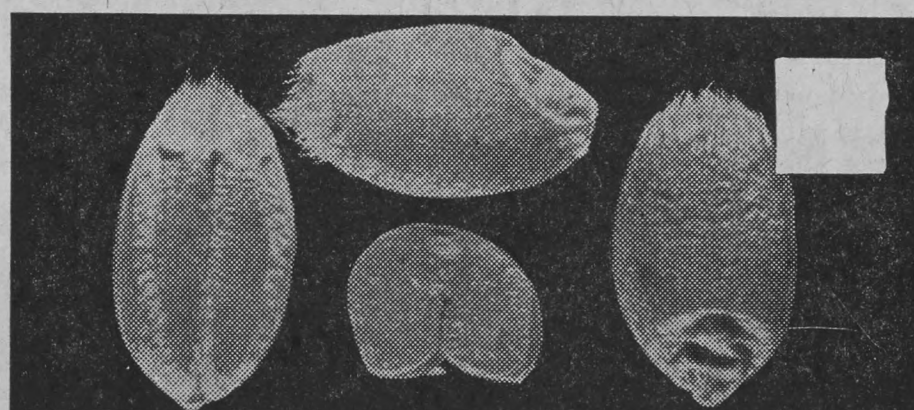
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These are the answers: Selkirk wheat is shown in panel B; Thatcher wheat is shown in panel C; and Pembina wheat is shown in panel A.

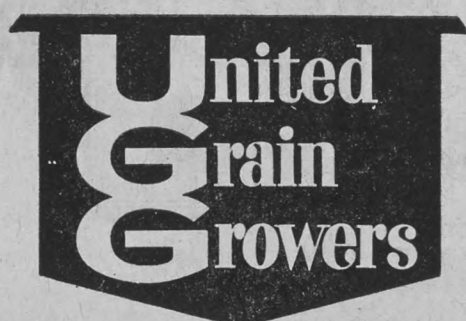
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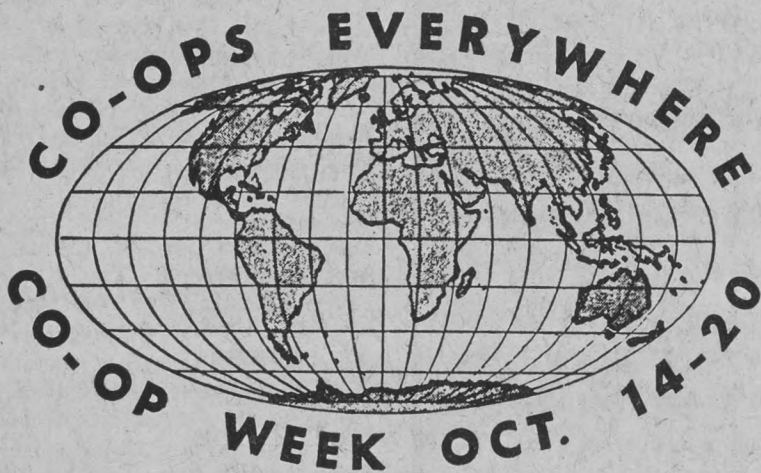
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F.W.U.A. PRESIDENT REPORTS:

By Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite

August 12 to 18, 1962, was a history making week for the Farm Women's Union of Alberta. Following our studies on Citizenship and Indian Affairs, we felt it was time to do something practical. The holding of a camp in the beautiful setting of the Junior FUA Camp at Gold Eye Lake, west of Nordegg, appealed to us. If we could have this camp for Indian and non-Indian students it would be a start towards a better understanding of our two ethnic groups.

We approached the various departments of Government, Indian Affairs Branch, our Co-operatives and other interested people about the possibilities of such a camp. The response was marvelous and we proceeded with the plans.

Our camp opened with 10 Indian students ranging from 15 to 20 years, and grades 9 to 12, 10 non-Indian students ranging in ages from 16 to 19 years, and grades 9 to 12.

Mr. Bob Wray of Edmonton and Miss Jo Lynam of Ottawa were instructors. Mrs. Enid Mitchell of Sylvan Lake was our cook and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harper were Camp Father and Mother.

The program started off with Morning Thoughts by Mr. Harper each morning. The first morning really set the theme for the following days when Mr. Harper said the world is people and our difficulty is recognizing others needs. He quoted a philosopher who said he "hated that man." A man in the street said, "but you don't know him", the philosopher replied, "that's why I hate him because I don't know him." Hating people is not knowing, not understanding each other. Our purpose at the camp was to work together, to live together, to respect each other, to understand each other.

Community Established

From here we established our community. Miss Lynam began by comparing various communities with our own, pointing out that each one was a little different and needed different things so everyone's needs were taken care of. We found that the individual is related to the group and the group to the community. In each community we need schools, hospitals, stores, councils, etc. When we compared the non-Indian community to the Indian community we found the needs and desires the same. Our Country Councils were the same as the Band Councils on the Reserves. From here the students were divided into groups, to set up the necessary committees to take care of the needs of our Community at the Gold Eye Lake.

The first day was frustrating and finally an evening session was decided on. Here students had time to get acquainted and have some ideas exchanged.

That evening a Students Council was established with Victor Buffalo of Hobbema as president; Recreation — Willie Littlechild, Hobbema; Canteen Manager — Joe Cloutier, Edmonton; Duties Chairman — Elva Looy, St. Brides; Program — Marilyn Loosmore, Three Hills; and Secretary — Karen Vollar, Edmonton.

The study periods in the morning were used to create a typical community or group, followed by discussions. The afternoon was devoted to theory on the situation, followed by a short recreation period. The evenings were given to role playing and finally a social time of games and singing, then lunch and to bed.

One day the entire group of students were taken out to see the Ram River Falls, one of nature's magnificent views.

Most Co-operative

I spent the entire week there as an observer, and found the students most co-operative. They were very respectful of camp property. They set up rules and obeyed them. Kitchen duties were cheerfully undertaken. I was most impressed by the students' attitude toward continuous learning, and their interest in each other cultures, customs and traditions. Finally this showed that no differences of any

consequence exist between us. We found out through role playing that communications will break down and this poses a problem all around. Lack of education make it impossible for us to really understand our community and other parts of the world and their affairs.

This was a pioneer camp, the first in Canada, I understand, and one we hope to make an annual event.

Already some of the co-operatives have approached us regarding these students' ability to participate in their work. They would do well I am sure. The sooner we accept our Indian people and accord them the status they merit in our society the better for them, for us, and for Canada.

As you read this Mrs. Sissons and I will be away to Australia attending the ACWW Conference. You will hear all about this later.

Plans For The Drive

In the meantime plans must be laid for our coming Membership Drive. I hope in every sub-district our women and juniors will be contacted and asked to help in the canvass. I think an effort should be made to organize each sub-district within the province. This should include your FUA sub-director, FWUA sub-director, and Jr. sub-district director, then a representative from each local

within the sub-district. This would then be called your Sub-District Board and you would have a group of people ready to undertake any project in your sub-district, including canvassing. The more people we have working the better. I feel too that with such a set-up we have closer contact with Central Office, through our District Director, Sub-District Directors and locals. Then the line is complete. More information will be going out re the Membership Drive soon, and I sincerely hope we can raise our membership numbers greatly. Mrs. Sissons and I will be home to do our part in the Drive.

I would like to mention a call I received recently, when a family in dire straits needed blankets. There were eight children sleeping on old coats on the floor. Our FWUA locals at Red Deer rallied beautifully and a good selection

of blankets, sheets, pillows, pillow cases, and even a feather tick were donated and now the eight children will sleep warm. Thank you locals for your contribution. Your thoughts of others were kind and this is just what the FWUA and FUA are, in addition to looking after economic issues of benefit to all.

F.W.U.A. HI LITES

● **Red Deer** had success with their Garden Club for children, aged 8-12. There was a good display from them at the Red Deer Fair. At three district shows, Balmoral placed first, Clearview second, and Springvale third. After the final judging the following prizes were awarded: 1. Maureen Northey; 2. Richard Northey; 3. Dale Stoward; 4. Marlene Murdoch; 5. Joyce Bret; 6. Janice Guilbault. The Club has been a success thanks also to the work of different members.

At the regular meeting, attended by six visitors, Miss Margaret Vincent spoke about Australia, where she has lived and worked for a year. Mrs. F. Stevenett, district sub-director, urged members to attend the District 10 banquet and the District 5 meeting, probably to be held at Pine Lake.

● **Shady Nook** made a donation of \$25.00 to Gold Eye Lake Camp. Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite, who attended the meeting and spoke about her trip to the ACWW meeting in Melbourne, received a going away gift.

● **Carstairs** is trying to organize a dinner for the Membership Drive. Catering at a farm sale brought a profit of \$22.21. The annual flower and vegetable show was a great success. The gladioli were magnificent. Thanks are extended to everyone who sent in exhibits.

● **Marwayne** saw 24 members attending the August meeting. There were 3 visitors. The Horticultural Show had a lower attendance than last year.

● **Anthony Hill** met with 12 members present. Half a dozen cook books were ordered. There always is a demand for these books.

● **Westlock** had only a few members attending, but Mrs. Lyons made it an enjoyable meeting. The local's exhibit at the Westlock Fair tied for 2nd prize.

● **Red Deer Lake** has collected \$269.50 for the Cancer Clinic. Arrangements were made for the presentation of scholarships and medals for Grade 9 students. The door prize was won by Mrs. Johansen.

● **Imperial** collected fruit juice for the hospital. In October no meeting will be held. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Chudyk on November 1 at 8:00 p.m.

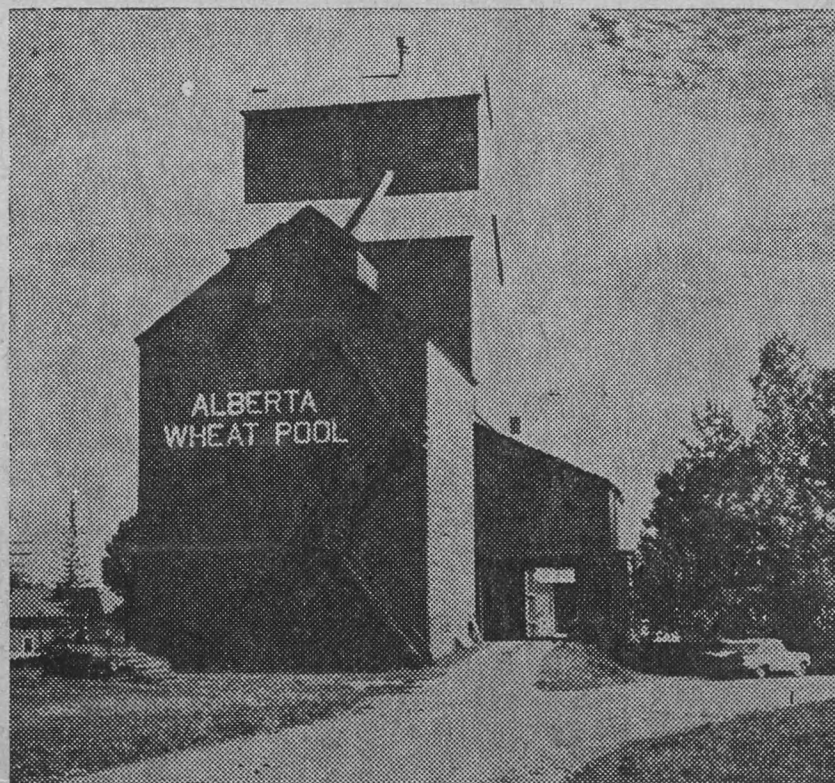
● **Heath** sent in the usual donation to the Cemetery and Library Fund. Papers on Farm Safety were passed around.

● **Sunnybrook** will sell Christmas Cards again this year. A Pot Luck Supper and Membership Drive will be held on October 19. There will be a bazaar and a picture show. Pollockville, Rose Lynn, Square Deal and Big Stone are invited to take part.

● **Gwynne** met at the home of Mrs. Gunnar Carlson. Eight members were present. The article on International Peace was read and considered to be very good.

● **West Wind**, with 19 members present and 4 visitors, heard Mrs. Huddleston, district director stress the importance of the Membership Drive and the Annual Convention, and the need of helping with the Drive. Mr. Kovach, local MLA, will be asked to speak at one of the meetings on a topic of interest to farm women. Shirley Theriault attended the Gold Eye Lake Camp and gave a very favorable report on it.

● **Fairdonian Valley** will invite Mrs. Allard, District 8 Director, to their November meeting. Members were asked to give tea towels to the local which will be used in the Community Hall when the local caters there.



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